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Legislative Proposals in the 88th Congress to Establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence

1. Attached is a list of the proposals introduced to date in the 88th Congress calling for the establishment of a Joint Committee on Intelligence.

2. A close watch has been kept on these proposals. There have been no hearings in this Congress and we know of no plans for such hearings. A number of the sponsors of these proposals have introduced similar proposals in previous Congresses. There have been no recent significant developments with the exception of Mr. Lindsay's well-reasoned speech on the floor of the House when he introduced a resolution.

3. The House leadership is opposed to the establishment of joint committees as a matter of principle. In addition, the Chairmen of the CIA Subcommittees have in the past indicated they are satisfied with present arrangements and are opposed to the establishment of a Joint Committee on Intelligence.

4. In 1960, following the Cuban invasion, the House Rules Committee conducted hearings on granting a rule to permit House consideration of the Joint Committee proposals then pending. It was reported in the press that the Rules Committee had considered action on the numerous resolutions pending before it but decided to take no action "... because the time to consider them seemed impropitious." The only other congressional action on Joint Committee legislation occurred in 1956 when a bill sponsored by Senator Mansfield was reported and came to a vote in the Senate. The Senate vote defeating Mansfield's resolution (59 to 27) indicated that ten co-sponsors of his resolution actually voted against the measure when it reached the Senate floor.

5. In addition to the bills, three other proposals which are of interest are listed in the attachment. One is a House resolution (H. Con. Res. 50) calling for an investigation of CIA and the Department of State following the Cuban crisis. The second (H. Con. Res. 51) calls for a study

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to determine the "... true facts surrounding the Bay of Pigs invasion....
The third is a bill introduced by Senator Humphrey to establish a Joint
Committee on National Security Affairs (including intelligence activities).
We have no information indicating that there are any present plans to
conduct hearings on any of these measures.

Attachment

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

88th Congress

11 September 1963

H. J. RES.

Introduced	Number	Title	Committee Assigned to
1/7/63 (Ryan)	145	Joint Committee on Information and Intelligence	Rules
1/29/63 (Rogers)	211	Same	Rules
2/27/63 (Gonzales)	292	Same	Rules
3/4/63 (Gibbons)	297	Same	Rules
3/4/63 (Harding)	299	Same	Rules
3/4/63 (Udall)	303	Same	Rules
3/4/63 (Wright)	304	Same	Rules
3/7/63 (Kornegay)	312	Same	Rules
3/7/63 (Montoya)	313	Same	Rules
3/11/63 (Long)	317	Same	Rules

<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Committee Assigned to</u>
8/15/63 (Lindsay)	653	Same	Rules
8/15/63 (Morse)	654	Same	Rules
9/10/63 (Anderson)	688	Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence	Rules
9/12/63 (King)	730	Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence	Rules
11/18/63 (Morris)	804	Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence	Rules
<u>H. CON. RES.</u>			
1/9/63 (Zablocki)	2	Joint Committee on Central Intelligence	Rules
1/9/63 (Kelly)	3	Joint Committee on Intelligence Matters	Rules
1/9/63 (Daddario)	12	Joint Committee on the Intelligence Community	Rules
10/8/63 (Fulton)	217	Joint Committee on Intelligence Matters	Rules
<u>S. J. RES.</u>			
3/14/63 (McCarthy)	61	Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence	Senate Foreign Relations
<u>S. CON. RES.</u>			
2/25/63 (Smathers)	23	Joint Committee on Central Intelligence	Rules and Administration
5/15/63 (Humphrey)	42	Joint Committee on National Security Affairs	Foreign Relations

Introduced	Number	Title	Committee Assigned to
NOTE: The following bills do not propose the establishment of a permanent committee on intelligence:			
1/24/63 (Minshall)	H. Con. Res. 51	Special Joint Committee to conduct a full and complete study to determine the true facts surrounding the Bay of Pigs invasion	Rules
1/28/63 (King)	H. Con. Res. 60	Joint Committee which shall make continuing studies and investigations during the 88th Congress of the organization and methods of operation of the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency	Rules
5/15/63 (Humphrey)	S. Con. Res. 42	Joint Committee on National Security Affairs	Senate Foreign Relations
10/11/63 (McCarthy)	S. Res. 213	Investigation and study of the Central Intelligence Agency	Armed Services
2/5/63 (Minshall)	H. Con. Res. 82	Investigate Bay of Pigs	Rules